

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, line 4, under the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, please amend the paragraph starting there-
at as follows:

"This non-provisional United States (U.S.) patent application claims the benefit of and is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/330,462 filed on December 26, 2002 by inventors Liew Chuang Chiu et al., entitled "DE-LATCHING MECHANISMS FOR FIBER OPTIC MODULES", now allowed, which claims the benefit of and is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/939,403 filed on August 23, 2001 by inventors Liew Chuang Chiu et al., entitled "DE-LATCHING MECHANISMS FOR FIBER OPTIC MODULES", now issued as U.S. Patent. No. 6,692,159, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. ~~60/~~60/313,232 filed on August 16, 2001 by inventors Liew Chuang Chiu et al., titled "DE-LATCHING MECHANISMS FOR FIBER OPTIC MODULES"; and also claims the benefit of and is a continuation in part (CIP) of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/896,695, filed on June 28, 2001 by inventors Liew Chuang Chiu et al., titled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PUSH BUTTON RELEASE FIBER OPTIC MODULES", ~~and also~~ which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/283,843 filed on April 14, 2001 by inventors Liew Chuang Chiu et al. entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PUSH BUTTON RELEASE FIBER OPTIC MODULES"; and

this non-provisional U.S. patent application is also related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/939,413 ~~—/—~~
~~—/—~~, filed on August 23, 2001 by Liew C. Chiu et al., titled "PULL-ACTION DE-LATCHING MECHANISMS FOR FIBER OPTIC MODULES", ~~having Attorney Docket No. 003918-P017X;~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/656,779, filed on September 7, 2000 by Cheng Ping

Wei et al. ~~having Attorney Docket No. 003918.P002XX2~~; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/321,308, filed on May 27, 1999 by Wenbin Jiang et al. ~~having Attorney Docket No. 003918.P002X~~; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/320,409, filed on May 26, 1999 by Wenbin Jiang et al. ~~having Attorney Docket No. 003918.P002~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,213,651 B1, all of which are to be assigned to E2O Communications, Inc."

Page 4, line 9, please amend the paragraph starting there-at as follows:

"Figure 4A is an exploded view ~~for~~ from the rear of an embodiment of a hot pluggable fiber optic module."

Page 4, line 11, prior to "Figure 5 ...", please insert the following two paragraphs:

"Figure 4B is a magnified view of a side of a male electrical connector to provide hot pluggability.

Figure 4C is a magnified view of another side of the male electrical connector to provide hot pluggability."

Page 5, line 1, prior to "Figures 10A0-10E ...", please insert the following paragraph:

"Figures 9A-9I are various views of an embodiment of a kicker-actuator for fiber optic modules."

Page 5, line 1, please amend the paragraph starting there-at as follows:

"Figures 10A-10G ~~10E~~ are views of a subassembly of the fiber optic modules of Figures 7A-7D illustrating the pull-actuator of Figures 7A-7F 8A-8G and the kicker-actuator of Figures 9A-9I assembled ~~coupled~~ to the nose receptacle-~~of~~

~~Figures 8A-8E and the optical port of Figures 9A-9E of fiber optic modules."~~

Page 42, line 15, please amend the paragraph starting there-at as follows:

"Figures 29A-29I illustrate yet another alternative embodiment of the pivot-arm actuator 2204'. In this embodiment the pivot-arm actuator 2204' further includes a spring 2912. According to various embodiments the spring 2912 may be formed from the same material as the pivot-arm actuator 2204' or it may be a separate component coupled to the pivot-arm actuator 2204'. The spring 2912 may be any kind of spring including a coil spring, leaf spring, carriage spring, compression spring, conical spring, helical spring, volute spring, spiral spring, scragged spring, and other well known types of springs. The pivot-arm actuator 2204' is pivotally coupled to the body of the nose receptacle 2200' by means of a pivoting pin 2906."